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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of August 8, 2002, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, and 12-29 remain pending. **Please note that the status of the claims presented in the present Office Action is incorrect.** Applicant cancelled claims 10-11 in the previous response, not claims 11-12. In the present Office Action, claims 1, 3-4, 6-10, 13, 20-22, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Naven, U.S. Patent No. 5,936,956 ("Naven"). Claims 5, 14-19, and 23-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Naven. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections and request reconsideration.